

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a member of the House Budget Committee, released the following statement regarding the Budget Committee markup of bills to replace automatic budget cuts:

“Last night, we saw very clearly in the Budget Committee that there is a stark difference between the views that Republicans and Democrats have for how to move our country forward and reduce the deficit without triggering the arbitrary and capricious cuts from an uncontrollable sequester. Time and time again, my Democratic colleagues and I offered common sense, concrete proposals that would reduce the deficit without placing the burden entirely on the most vulnerable members of our society, but were shut down by the Republicans on the committee.

“Republicans continue to focus on minutiae and pulling out individual stories of where our current support system has failed, but refuse to acknowledge all of the irreplaceable good that programs like SNAP and meals-on-wheels provide. They would rather help millionaires than mothers, and would rather give aid to farmers who don’t need subsidies than families who don’t have food. Those are not my priorities, are not the priorities of the people I represent.”

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